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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MIOSHA VISITORS FROM TAIWAN AND JAPAN

From Taiwan: In October, we had two visitors from Taiwan, Hsuehyin Liao and Huichuan Wu, come to learn about the MIOSHA program. Both of them are industrial hygienists and Department of Labor Inspection Specialists for the Taiwanese Council of Labor Affairs. They spent time with **Doug Kalinowski**, MIOSHA Director, **Bart Pickelman**, MIOSHA Deputy Director, and all the division directors. The visitors also accompanied MIOSHA consultants and compliance officers in the field, sat in on a training class, and toured the MIOSHA laboratory. They were truly appreciative and learned a lot about the MIOSHA program and enjoyed their time in Michigan including two vacation days on Mackinac Island.

From Japan: In December, MIOSHA had two visitors from Japan, Shigemichi Imaichi and Kazuhiro Nagura. Both are with The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan. They were in Michigan for a week to discuss U.S. and state regulations and to survey global regulatory information to help improve their high pressure gas safety laws. In a thank-you note, Mr. Imaichi said, "Your information was very useful to improve our understanding of Michigan safety regulations and its' applications."

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ARTICLE ON MIOSHA/FORD/UAW PARTNERSHIP

A reporter with **Occupational Health and Safety Magazine** was interested in the cover article of the Fall 2011 MIOSHA News that featured the MIOSHA/Ford/UAW Partnership and the MIOSHA/Pioneer/GVSU Partnership. He wanted to write about the results of the Ford/UAW partnership and interviewed MIOSHA Director **Doug Kalinowski** on January 23rd. Below is the link to the article. It was featured in OSHA's daily news clips on January 25th.

[Working with MIOSHA pays off](#) Occupational Health and Safety, January 25, 2012.

MICHIGAN AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (MABA) WINTER CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

The 2012 [MABA](#) Winter Conference and Trade Show was held January 9-11, 2012, at the Lansing Center. This conference focuses on how agricultural technology is maximizing production, promoting sustainability and feeding a more crowded world. **Gregg Grubb**, MIOSHA Industrial Hygiene Consultant, spoke on MIOSHA concerns impacting grain handling facilities during a safety breakout session on Tuesday. This opportunity comes about as a result of MIOSHA's desire to provide safety and health assistance to the second largest sector of Michigan's economy - agriculture. MABA has invited MIOSHA to host a booth at next year's conference as a result of our participation in this year's conference.

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WEBSITE

Recently the Wage & Hour Division website content was moved to MIOSHA's website. You'll notice that there are now a few more categories listed in the left navigation of the MIOSHA home page: "Minimum Wage & Overtime," "Prevailing Wage," "Wages & Fringe Benefits," and "Frequently Asked Questions." These categories will live here temporarily until eMichigan does a site redesign of our entire website. In the meantime, the redirect for Wage & Hour is still live and can be used to directly link to their website content: www.michigan.gov/wagehour

NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

The Governor's Office had made the following appointments to each of the Commissions under the auspices of Act 154 of 1974, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act:

Construction Safety Standards Commission

Timothy Bedenis, of Plymouth, is currently the chief geotechnical engineer and a vice president of Soil and Materials Engineering Inc. In this capacity he supervises, conducts and reviews evaluations involving subsurface explorations, laboratory testing, and preparation of geotechnical reports. Bedenis earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University. He represents management, and replaces Donald V. Staley.

Mark Bulthuis, of Grand Rapids, is a licensed electrician, working as a project efficiency specialist with Parkway Electric & Communications LLC. With over 30 years of experience in the industry, Bulthuis serves as the chair of the West Michigan Chapter of the Association Builders and Contractors Safety Steering Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College. He represents labor, and replaces D. Lynn Coleman.

Occupational Health Standards Commission

Brian Potter is the owner and president of Architectural Metals, Inc. He serves on the Lakewood Public Schools school board, the Union Bank Board of Directors, the Michigan Construction Career Council, and the Associate Builders and Contractors Task Force. Potter earned an associate's degree in applied technology from Lansing Community College. He will represent employers with 200 or fewer employees, and replaces Gary Novak.

General Industry Safety Standards Commission

Andrew Mosser, of Portland, is the business agent for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 665 in Lansing. He previously worked as an apprentice electrician and journeyman/foreman electrician. Mosser earned an associate's degree through the IBEW/National Electrical Contractors Association Joint Electric Apprenticeship. He will represent labor and replaces Karl Heim.

Jeffrey Spencer, of Davisburg, is a building inspector and ordinance enforcement official for the city of Auburn Hills. He previously worked as a project coordinator for St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac and as a carpenter for Parker Carpentry Contractor of Troy. Spencer holds a journeyman's certificate and earned an associate's degree in applied science from Baker College. He will represent managing public employees in the state and replaces Elizabeth Koto.

Appointees to the Standards Commissions will serve three-year terms, and are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

January 6, 2012 – MIOSHA-COM-12-1 – [Heat-Related Illness Inspections](#)

January 6, 2012 – GISHD-GEN-05-1 – [Ergonomics](#)

January 17, 2012 – MIOSHA STD-08 3R2 – [Medical Services and First Aid for GI and Const](#)

January 17, 2012 – MIOSHA-ADM-06-7R2 – [Guidelines for MIOSHA Activity in Small Farming Operations and Small Employers in Low Hazard Industries](#)

January 24, 2012 – GISHD-MEMO-COM-10-3R1 – [Process Safety Management – NEP](#)

MEDIA

January 27, 2012 – [State Recognizes MIOSHA Training Institute \(MTI\) Graduates at Upper Michigan Safety Conference](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 15, 2012 – **Construction Safety Standards Commission Meeting @ 9:30 am** – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

March 14, 2012 – **General Industry Safety Standards Commission Meeting @ 9:30 am** – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

April 11, 2012 – **Occupational Health Standards Commission Meeting @ 9:30 am** – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

April 17-18, 2012 – **Michigan Safety Conference** – DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

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